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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON DECEMBER 21 A LAW REDUCING THE MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR TWO CRIMES ASSOCIATED WITH SUBVERSION AND PUNISHABLE UNDER THE MILITARY PENAL CODE WAS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE, AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL. THE NEW LAW (TEXT PROVIDED IN REFTEL) REDUCES FROM SIX TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON THE MINIMUM SENTENCE FOR "SUBVERSIVE ASSOCIATION" AND FROM TWO YEARS IN PRISON TO TWO YEARS DETENTION FOR "ASSISTANCE TO A SUBVERSIVE ASSOCIATION".

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER, THE DISTINCTION WHICH THE SPANISH TEXT MAKES BETWEEN PRISON (PENITENCIARIA) AND DETENTION (TRANSLATION OF PRISION ACCORDING TO URUGUAYAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USAGE) IS IMPORTANT INASMUCH AS PERSONS SUBJECT TO DETENTION RATHER THAN PRISON MAY BE FREE ON BAIL WHILE AWAITING TRIAL. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: AS OVER
1,000 PRISONERS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PROCESSED BUT

NOT YET SENTENCED, HUNDREDS COULD BENEFIT FROM THE NEW
LAW IF THE TIME THEY HAVE SERVED EXCEEDS THE NEW MINIMUM.
A SENIOR OFFICER IN THE JOINT STAFF (ESMACO) TOLD THE DATT THAT
THE GOU IS ALREADY COMPILING A LENGTHY LIST OF NAMES OF
PRISONERS WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE BECAUSE OF THE NEW
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